

AT THE CHURCHES

United Church of Canada
Acton, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
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Miss O. M. Langford, A.Y.C.M.
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1950
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
7:00 p.m.—Union Service

A Thought for the Week
"The inner side of every cloud is bright and shining. It is therefore turn my clouds about. And always wear them inside out. To show the lining."

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Latta, B.A.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1950
Trinity XI
11:15 a.m.—Holy Communion
7:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer. A united service for the four congregations.

A Welcome Awaits You

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., Minister

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1950
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship
All are Welcome
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

Capital Church
ACTON
Rev. CHAS. R. GOWER, Minister
Chas. Landborough, Organist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1950
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. "Merely Religious or Definitely Christian?"

8:30 p.m. Thursday—Palestine the National Home for the Jew. An invitation to any who may be interested.

Regular weekly H.Y.P.U. will meet with Prayer, Meeting and Bible Study Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

pointed out. John's preaching created an immense stir. The expectation that he was the long-expected Messiah ran high. But he told them, "No, a man much greater than he was coming."

John's enormous popularity had not turned his head in the least (Jno. 3:28-30). John's description of the work of this, "mightier" one is marvellous. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The second "with" in this statement should be omitted. Its insertion has suggested to some the possibility of interpreting these previous words to mean two baptisms: one "with the Holy Spirit" now, the other "with the fire of judgment" (as in the next verse) hereafter. This is grammatically impossible. It is one two-fold baptism with the Spirit (wind) vivifying, energizing, "and fire" (revelation) 1 Cor. 3:13, refining. Isa. 44:5, Zech. 13:9, Mal. 3:1-3, consuming filthiness and scum. Zech. 3:9-11, illuminating making to glow and melting. Jer. 23:29, imparting energy. The fulfillment of these words we find in Acts 2:2-4. John is the baptizer with water. Jesus Himself is the Baptizer "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Ac. 1:5). It is just this baptism that the church and the individual need today. Let us present ourselves to

Jesus the Baptizer "with the Holy Ghost and fire" for this baptism. Jesus is also the great separator of men, gathers "wheat" into his garner, burns "chaff" with unquenchable fire."

By offering Himself for baptism Jesus identified Himself with mankind. He is not only our Saviour. He is our example. His humanity was the formula for all humanity. His baptism showed he was subject to and obedient unto God in His redemptive purpose. He prefigured by His baptism His own death, burial and resurrection. The act itself was one of simple dedication to the will of God. As it was performed Jesus prayed. While He prayed God the Father proclaimed Jesus as His beloved Son and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. Thus the Trinity was manifested at the baptism of Jesus.

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Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1950
JOHN, A PREACHER OF REPENTANCE

Golden Text—Bear fruits that befit repentance. Luke 3:9
Lesson Text—Luke 3:7-20
EXPOSITION I. John's Message 7:14

Luke is very exact in connecting the coming of John with current political and ecclesiastical history. We may be confident when we read Luke we are reading exact history. "The word of God came unto John." John did not bring his own message, but God's. He did not understand to speak to men until God had first spoken to him. For more than four centuries the voice of the prophet has been silent. But now God breaks the silence and speaks through this man.

As he had received his message directly from God (Jno. 1:33) he waited for no call or ordination from men, delivering it. He sought not the synagogue nor the temple but the open air for the delivery of his message. The substance of his proclamation was "the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins." i.e. repentance, publicly professing its renunciation of sin in baptism and resulting in remission of sins. The exact form of

this cry was "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). A startling cry that more than seven centuries before this Isaiah had prophesied of John's coming (Isa. 40:3). Nothing seemed to have come out of this prophesy. But God had watched over His word. He came at last.

If John's Source of Power, 15:20. John's preaching drew "multitudes." It was real and the power of the Holy Spirit was upon him (Jno. 1:33). They were moved and wished to repent, sin publicly by baptism. Many of them belonged to the ruling religious and ecclesiastical classes (Matt. 3:7). But John did not flatter nor honor words. "Ye offspring of vipers," he thundered, "who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" He evidently was not adept at honied words. There are times when just such languages as John used is needed to wake men up. Jesus also used it (Matt. 12:34, 23:33, Jno. 8:44). John believed in a coming wrath of God against sin. The doctrine was no more popular than now but it was true, and men needed to hear about it. So this faithful man of God preached it. John demanded something besides the outward baptism as a proof of the genuineness of their repentance. "Fruits worthy of repentance." The Jew trusted in his being a descendant of Abraham, to whom and to whose see the promise came (Gen. 17:7, 8). "That is not enough," John tells them, "God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham" (cf. Gal. 3:29).

Another and better foundation of hope must be found (Ac. 4:12). The hour of judgment was right at hand. The woodman will shortly take up the axe and down will come every tree, regardless of ancestry, not only the tree that bears bad fruit, but every one that does not bear good fruit. The same cry that rose at Pentecost is the result of John's preaching. "What shall we do then?" The answer is very practical: show that you love others as you do yourself by treating them as well as you do yourself. The despised publicans and ride soldiers were also attracted to John's preaching and are well-known. They are not told to give up their work, but to conduct it honorably. The points where they were likeliest to fall were plainly

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TO CANADIAN RAILROADERS AND THE CANADIAN PUBLIC

It is important that you understand clearly why the managements of Canada's railways believe a railway strike is absolutely unnecessary.

Our reason for this conviction is that we have made the employees involved in the present dispute a fair offer of wage increases and improvements in working conditions which, if applied to all employees, will cost us \$37,000,000 a year.

We have further acknowledged a moral obligation to implement the 40-hour week at the appropriate time, and we have explained why, in fairness to Canadian industry and all other employers of labour, we cannot put it into effect now.

To do otherwise would be to perform a dis-service to industry in general and to all employers and employees alike.

The railways, after making two previous offers which the union leaders rejected, have now made

a third and final offer which gives the employees the choice of either:

- an increase in wages averaging 8½ cents per hour, or
- a reduction in the basic work week from 48 to 44 hours, with an increase in wage rates of 9.1% so as to maintain or in some cases improve present "take home" pay.

The labour leaders have made no concessions at all and have refused to budge from their original demands for a 5-day 40-hour week with maintenance of present "take home" pay, and in addition increases of 7 cents and 10 cents an hour.

The railways are thoroughly conscious of, and sympathetic to, the problems of their employees resulting from higher costs of living.

Drastic, unwarranted reductions in hours of work instead of decreasing these problems will inevitably increase them.

Not only is a railway strike unnecessary now, but furthermore, because of the tense international situation, it would endanger the entire Dominion. As the presidents of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways and in a joint statement to the representatives of the unions last Thursday:

"The present situation...imposes a nerve strain on all concerned at a time when we badly need to devote all our energies and thoughts to the grave threat of war and a national emergency... It leaves the railway employee in a most uncertain and unhappy frame of mind because we are morally certain he does not wish to walk out on his job at a time like this, no matter what issues are involved... this opinion seems diametrically opposed to the

strike ballot which has been reported by the unions, but railway management retains too high an opinion of the loyalty, steadfastness and sense of responsibility of their employees to believe a strike would not mean a heart-breaking situation for them. That is not to say they will not carry out their undertaking to strike if union leaders decide to call upon them to do so but as already stated, it will cause great unhappiness and self reproach."

The importance of the railways in Canada's economy cannot be exaggerated. Never was that importance more apparent than in World War II. And without the loyalty and untense effort of all railway employees, Canada's magnificent war effort would have been im-

possible. The same holds true today. As the presidents further stated:

"... the general public is inconvenienced and business arrangements are made uncertain so long as the likelihood of a strike persists. Moreover, a railway strike would so cripple our economy that it would weaken for a long time our ability to take a strong line in international affairs and thus give great comfort to the enemy. Therefore, railway management feels strongly that the issues must be faced resolutely so that all interests, the worker, the public, and the Government, as well as the unions and railway management, will know precisely what is facing them. The time has come to remove this uncertainty which hangs as a blight over our day-to-day life."

WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, THE RAILWAYS HAVE MADE THIS OFFER AS THE ULTIMATE THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE EXPECTED OF THEM, AND IT GIVES A SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL LEAVE RAILWAY WORKERS IN AN EXTREMELY FAVOURABLE POSITION COMPARED TO OTHER INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

HERE IS OUR OFFER

The final offer which includes hotel and water transport employees is as follows:

- Recognition by railway management of a moral obligation to implement the 40-hour week at the appropriate time.
- Recognition by the unions in principle, subject to negotiation in detail, of minor amendments to existing contracts covering working rules to bring about more efficient operation.
- EITHER
(A) A 44-hour basic work week with a 9.1% increase in hourly rates

so as to maintain "take home" pay. In regard to monthly rated clerical employees there will be an understanding that a 5-day actual work week may be granted by local arrangement in selected cases where the hours now actually worked are less than 44, on condition that the requirements of the service are protected up to 44 hours per week.

OR (B) A graduated increase in basic wage rates approximately equivalent in expense to that involved under Plan A. When applied to all employees, this would cost the railways \$37,000,000 per year, and would average 8½ cents per hour.

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